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SQUARE.

"L" DANGERS.

Two collisions on the "L" road in yesterday's cloak of fog resulted in fatal injury to one man, while others were hurt and the passengers all badly frightened.

These accidents are so natural under the circumstances—so natural, indeed, that not to have foreseen them and not, in consequence of this foresight, to have taken such precautions as would have prevented their occurrence, is a neglect simply unpardonable.

The fog was so dense that it was impossible for the engineer to see any distance ahead of his train. The varying pace at which the trains were run made it the likeliest thing in the world for a rear one to crash into the one before it, that which occurred.

It is not a pleasing prospect for one to have some member ground off and then to drop, like a rotten apple, twenty or thirty feet to a hard street. Yet this is what the passenger on an "L" train with an imprudent engineer can anticipate on a foggy day without drawing violently on his imagination.

Public opinion should be strong enough to make the "L" roads not carry their insolent disregard of the people to the point of heedlessly and needlessly jeopardizing human life. One such accident as this, which could have easily been prevented, is one too many.

SPARE THE BATTERY.

The noble pleasure ground at the very extremity of the island of Manhattan is one of the most salubrious breathing places for the people in the whole city. It is filled in the glorious summer time by the poorest people and their offspring. It has only one disadvantage, and that is the ugly "L" road, which winds above its emerald stretches like an ugly copper-colored snake.

To devote more of this consecrated spot to the enrichment of Mr. JAY GOULD by allowing him to gridiron it with further "L" road structures is against natural and positive law.

Most of the Battery Park is protected by the very nature of the hold which the city has upon it, and is inalienable to other than park uses. But a portion is still capable of being cast into JAY GOULD'S hungry maw.

To do this would be an outrage against which nature itself would cry out. Let us hear no more talk of such sacrilegious rapine.

IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN WORSE.

The fire-fight wrought havoc enough last night on Broadway, between Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth streets, destroying a theatre and several shops with its raging flames.

But the loss is a pecuniary one, as no lives were lost, although several were fearfully imperilled. Had the fire started when the audiences were filling these theatres, panic might have occasioned another frightful hecatomb of human victims.

The firemen again showed themselves magnificently endowed workers in their special field. Heroism is almost a commonplace trait in the New York fire-laddy, and there cannot be too much civic pride in such a perfect realization of a noble ideal.

The spectacle of the Iron Chancellor abasing himself before the Empress FERNANDEZ, which in his power he had reluctantly persecuted, that she should intercede for him with the son whose heart he had sought to alienate from his mother, is not an edifying one. It is still one that conveys a lesson.

The man who had made Germany unshaken by the lance of the doughty young fellow who had mounted the German throne recalls the fall of SEIZEN. One can hardly pity this pitiless autocrat.

CARL SCHURZ has said some very good things about the Indian bloodshedding. He thinks it due to an imprudent and precipitate demand for their disarmament. He says justly that our relations with the Indians should be void of political color, and that policy should regulate our dealings with them. Brutal extortion and crushing them under the heel is not the fairest treatment of these people. Good.

District-Attorney DE LANCEY NICOLI has started in with great energy and method. His first step was to set about finding what official work was to be done, and as soon as he gets it in hand he will tackle it with a will to despatch it as efficiently as possible. Mr. NICOLI, the people are with you in this!

The Harlem Republican Club is open to lively times, at least in its members. Some of them got into a sprightly altercation which culminated in a wild confusion of HENRY MILTON HENZOE, umbrellas, fists and, last, not least, members of the Club. Gentlemen, be these Harlem politics?

Two of the lymph-tainted consumptives at Bellevue have notably increased in weight since the treatment began. Weight must tell, and such an augment of adipose is a good indication of Dr. KOCI'S magic fluid.

If it were not for such changes in the weather as this of today, HANS BEATTIE

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